



Gender Responsive Budget: Its impact on health, education and labour force participation of women in Patna

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Abstract : *The innovative concept of Gender Budgeting has received substantial attention worldwide. There are about 85 countries around the world which have followed Gender Budgeting. Gender Budgeting is looking at the economy through women's eyes. The issue of Gender Budgeting has become very important today in the Indian scenario of the social, economic and educational development of women as a whole. The present study was conducted to ascertain broad insights into the status of women in Bihar, with a view to*

examine any signs of transformation in gender relations. This paper evaluates concepts, terms and schemes related to Health, Education and Labour Force, and tries to situate the general condition of women in Bihar.

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Introduction :

Gender Budgeting is one of the important components of Gender mainstreaming. It is an initiative to ensure that the entire budgeting process is carried out in a gender perspective to bring gender equality and empowerment. Gender budgeting is a dissection of the Government Budget to establish its gender differential impacts and to translate gender commitments into budgetary commitments. Gender budgets are referred to by several names like "Gender Budgets", "Women's Budgets", "Gender Sensitive Budgets", "Gender Responsive Budgets", "Applied Gender Budget Analysis", etc. All these terms refer to gender budget initiatives.